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In the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1 and 4. These sheets, which includes Figs. 1 and 4, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1 and 4. In Fig. 1, element 29 has been changed to 30. In Fig. 4, element 28 has been changed to element 29.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
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REMARKS

Claims 20-79 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that all claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for that indication. However, the Office Action has outlined several objections to the application which are addressed below.

The specification has been objected to for including errors in paragraphs 56 and 64. Applicant has made the changes recommended by the Examiner such that Applicant submits that the specification is now proper.

Claim 20 has been objected to and the Examiner has suggested replacing the last two paragraphs of claim 40 with the last paragraph of claim 20. Applicant has made such a change and submits that claim 20 is now proper. Claim 23 has also been rejected for including the phrase "in a form similar to a collar flange." As suggested by the Examiner, Applicant has cancelled this phrase from claim 23. Accordingly, Applicant submits that all of the objections to the claims have been addressed.

The drawings have been objected to for not including reference numbers 30 and 36 as referenced in the specification. First, the reference to reference number 36 has been deleted from the specification. Second, Fig. 1 has been amended to change reference number 29 to reference number 30 and Fig. 4 has been amended to change reference number 28 to reference number 29. Accordingly, Applicant submits that all of the reference numbers used in the specification are used in the drawings.

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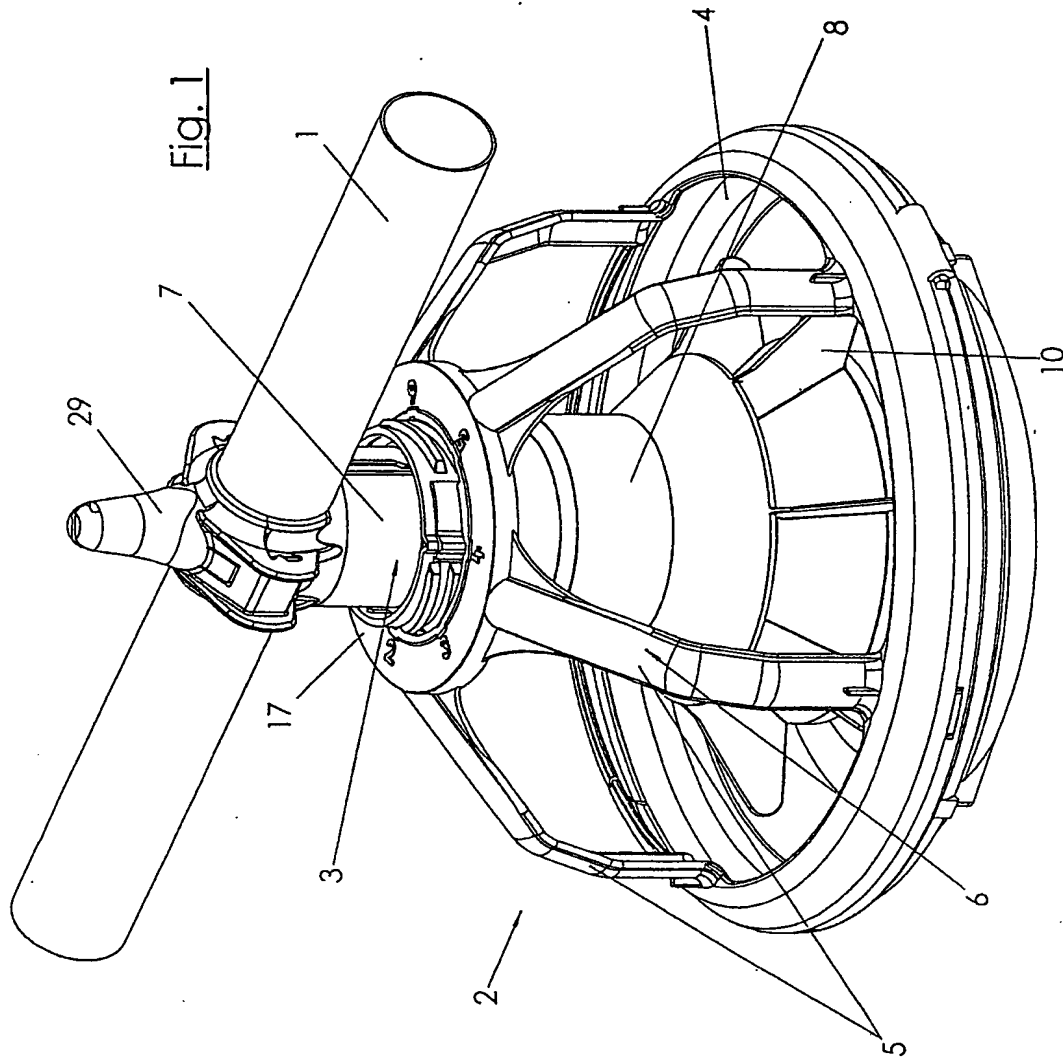
All pending claims 20-79 are believed to be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 4

